

COURTROOM PERSONAL

JUDGES

AN OFFICIAL OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO HEAR AND DECIDE QUESTIONS OF LAW IN COURT CASES AND TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT FAIR PROCEDURES ARE USED. THE JUDGE SITS ON THE BENCH IN A BLACK ROBE.

BAILIFF

A COURT OFFICIAL WHOSE DUTIES ARE TO KEEP ORDER IN THE COURTROOM AND ASSISTS THE JURY. THE BAILIFF WEARS A UNIFORM AND CARRIES A GUN.

COURTROOM CLERK

COURT OFFICIAL WHO KEEPS COURT RECORDS, MAINTAINS OFFICIAL FILES, ASSISTS THE PUBLIC AND ADMINISTERS THE OATH TO JURORS AND WITNESSES. THE COURTROOM CLERK SITS NEAR THE JUDGE.

COURT REPORTER

A PERSON WHO MAKES A WORD-FOR-WORD RECORD OF WHAT IS SAID IN COURT AND PRODUCES A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS UPON REQUEST. THE COURT REPORTER SITS WHERE HE OR SHE CAN HEAR WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING.

WITNESS

ONE WHO TESTIFIES UNDER OATH TO WHAT S/HE HAS SEEN, HEARD, OR OTHERWISE OBSERVED.

JUROR

A PERSON SELECTED ACCORDING TO LAW AND SWORN TO INQUIRE INTO AND DECLARE A VERDICT ON MATTERS OF FACT IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TRIALS.

ATTORNEY

A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED AND LICENSED TO REPRESENT OTHERS IN LEGAL MATTERS. IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL, THE PROSECUTOR REPRESENTS THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY REPRESENTS THE PERSON ACCUSED OF A CRIME. ATTORNEYS ARE ALSO CALLED LAWYERS.